

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**The paragraph beginning at page 15, is amended as follows:**

As previously mentioned, the secure session 401 is initially created when the external ~~client 420~~ client 410 logs into the secure site or otherwise authenticates (*e.g.*, via the proxy 404) to the secure site. Once this is done, the external ~~client 420~~ client 410 and the secure site and its resources communicate with one another via secure communications (*e.g.*, HTTPS). A secure session can terminate normally (*e.g.*, explicit log out request), terminate after a time-out (*e.g.*, a configurable period of time during which no activity is detected by the ~~client 420~~ client 410), or terminate abnormally (*e.g.*, when a program, service, communication line fails).

**The paragraph beginning at page 15, is amended as follows:**

During operation of the secure communications management system 400, the external ~~client 420~~ client 410 accesses WWW pages, files, or other information that includes secure reference links 402 and potentially insecure reference links 403. Before these pages, files, or other information are rendered to the external client 410 for accessing and viewing, they are scanned to identify the potentially insecure reference links 403. The potentially insecure reference links 403 can be identified by references to a non-secure communications protocol (*e.g.*, HTTP) or when references are identified as being part of a pre-defined list of acceptable or unacceptable references or when references are not recognized as being known to the secure site.